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THE BOY OF THE BAG

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HEY, BOY.
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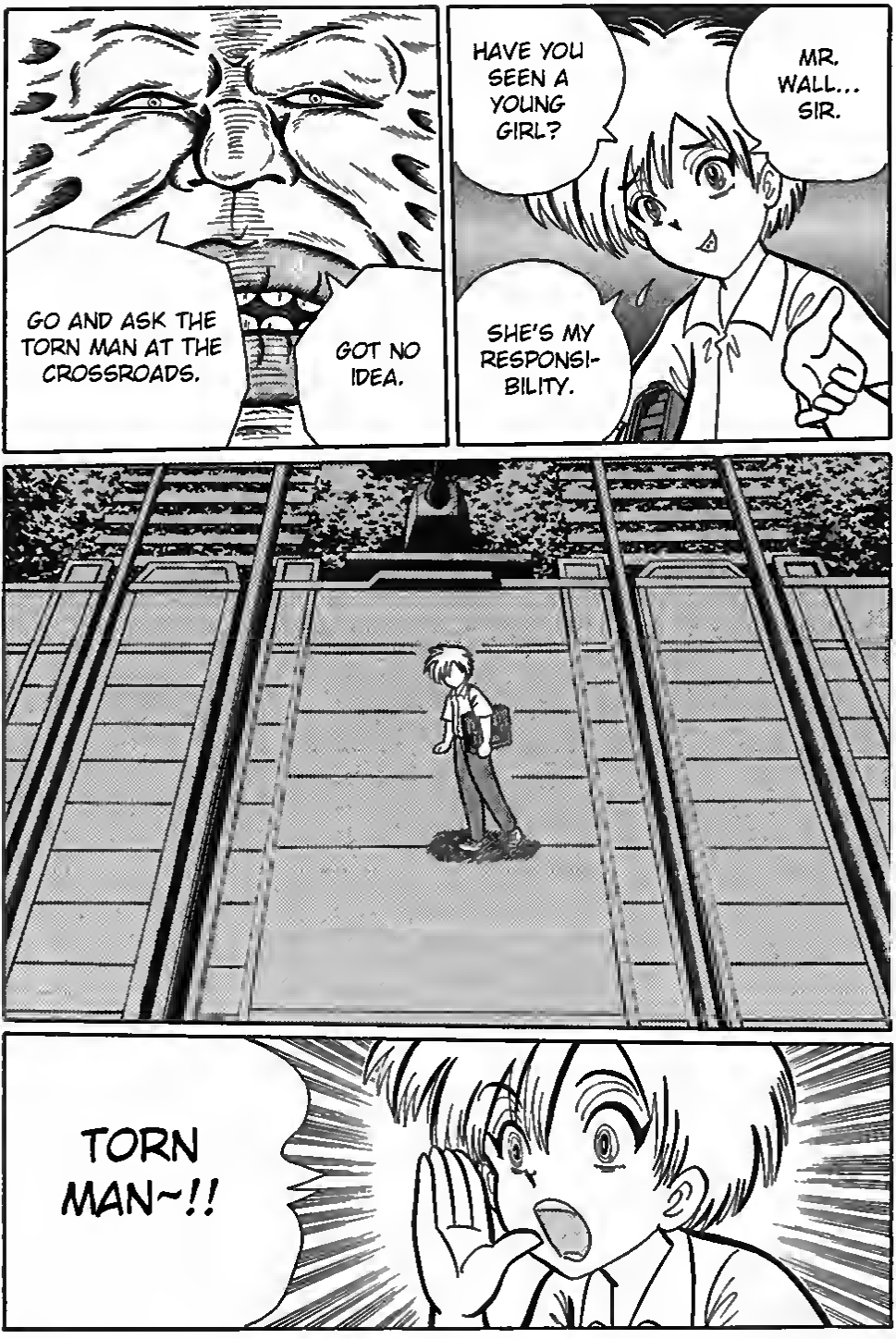
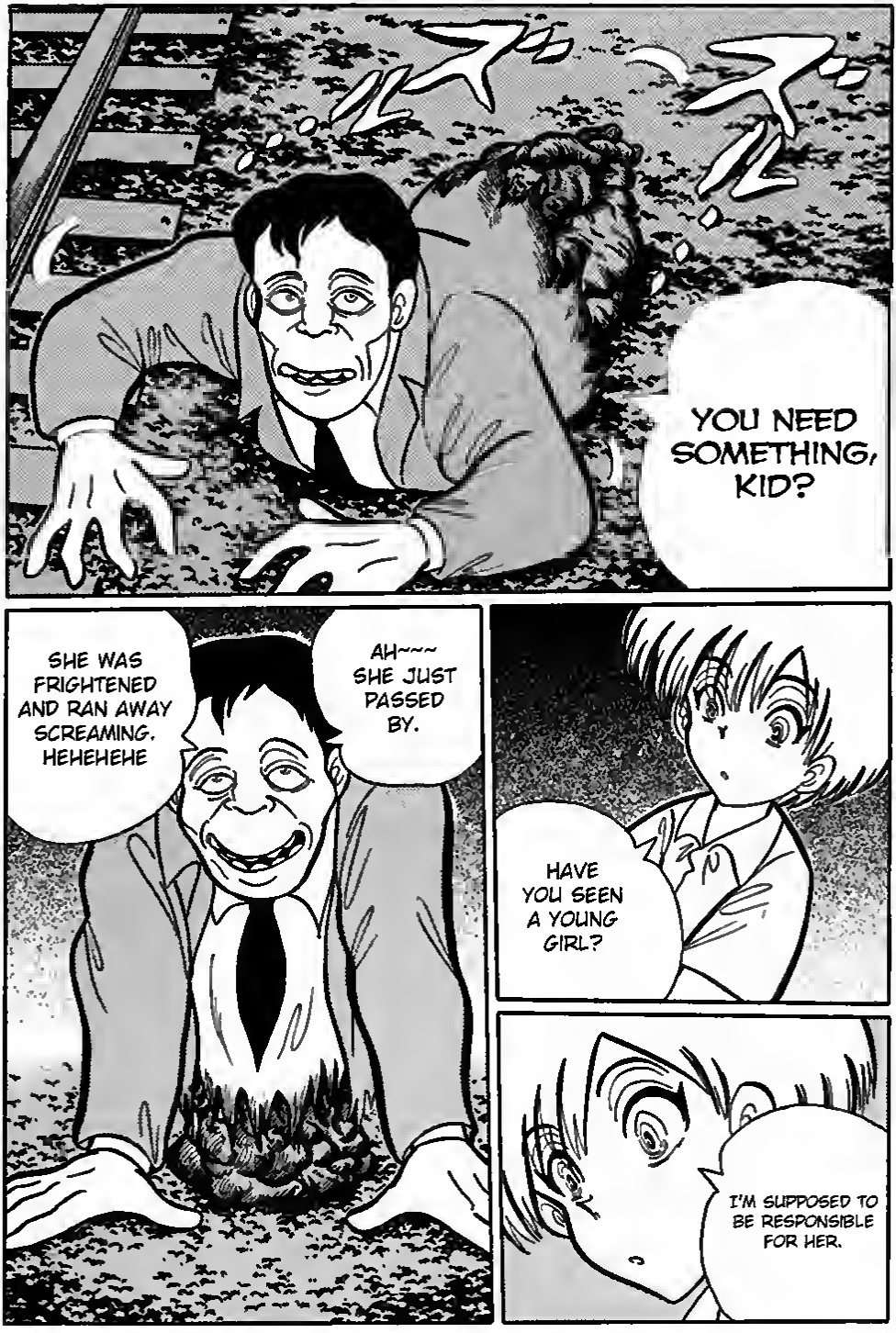
HEY!
SLIT-MOUTHED GRANDMA!
AM I PRETTY?
I ONLY JUST GOT HERE
TRY ASKING THE OLD MAN WALL.
I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN.
HAVE YOU SEEN A YOUNG GIRL?
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER.
NO CLUE, KID.

I'M NOT AN OLD MAN!
CALL ME MR. WALL!


GO AND ASK THE TORN MAN AT THE CROSSROADS.
GOT NO IDEA.
HAVE YOU SEEN A YOUNG GIRL?
MR. WALL... SIR.
SHE'S MY RESPONSI-BILITY.
TORN MAN~!!


YOU NEED SOMETHING, KID?
AH~~~ SHE JUST PASSED BY.
SHE WAS FRIGHTENED AND RAN AWAY SCREAMING. HEHEHEHE
HAVE YOU SEEN A YOUNG GIRL?
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER.

THE FOUR-LEGGED GRANDMA WENT CHASING AFTER HER.
WHICH WAY DID SHE GO?
KEKEKEKE
RIGHT NOW SHE MUST BE RUNNING AROUND IN THAT OLD LADY'S TERRITORY.
HUH?
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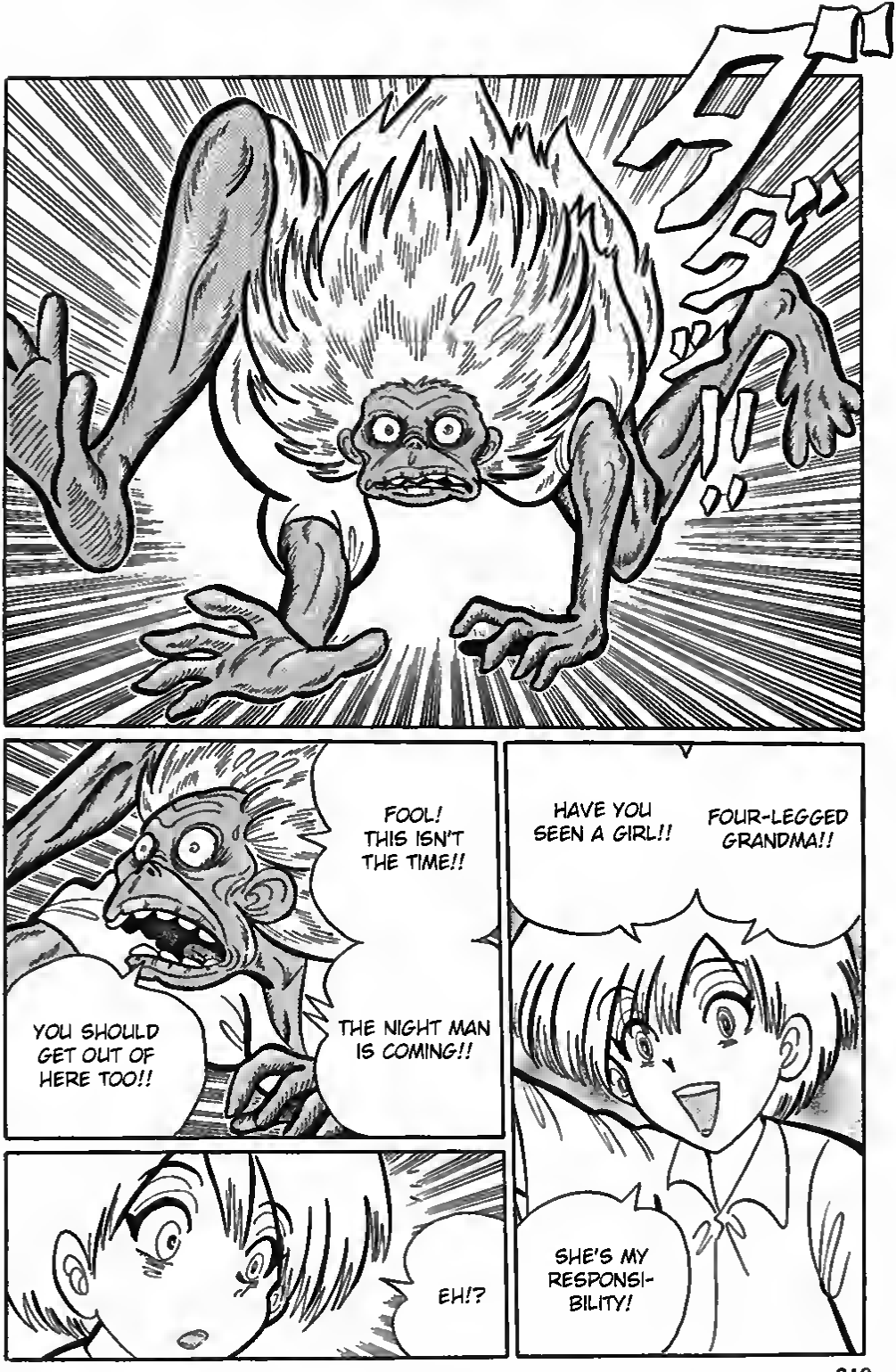
GAOO!!!
FOOL! THIS ISN'T THE TIME!!
YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE TOO!!
THE NIGHT MAN IS COMING!!
HAVE YOU SEEN A GIRL!!
FOUR-LEGGED GRANDMA!!
EH!?
SHE'S MY RESPONSI-BILITY!

HAHA, SO THEN YOU'VE FOUND SOME NEW PREY.
RUN AWAAAAAY ~~~!!
WH-WHO ARE YOU!?
OH, THERE YOU ARE!
I FINALLY FOUND YOU!
WHAT'S THAT MONSTER!?
WHERE AM I!?

EH? EH!? EH!?!?
THAT MONSTER'S THE NIGHT MAN.
THIS IS THE WORLD OF THE NIGHT.
YOU'RE MY RESPONSIBILITY.

...LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN TROUBLE IF THAT GUY CAUGHT US.
WE WOULD'VE BEEN SWALLOWED AND MADE PART OF HIS BODY.
HEY!
EXPLAIN IT TO ME CLEARLY!
IT'S LIKE I SAID.
YOU'RE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT'S WHY I WAS LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
NOW, TRY LOOKING INTO THIS BAG.
EH?
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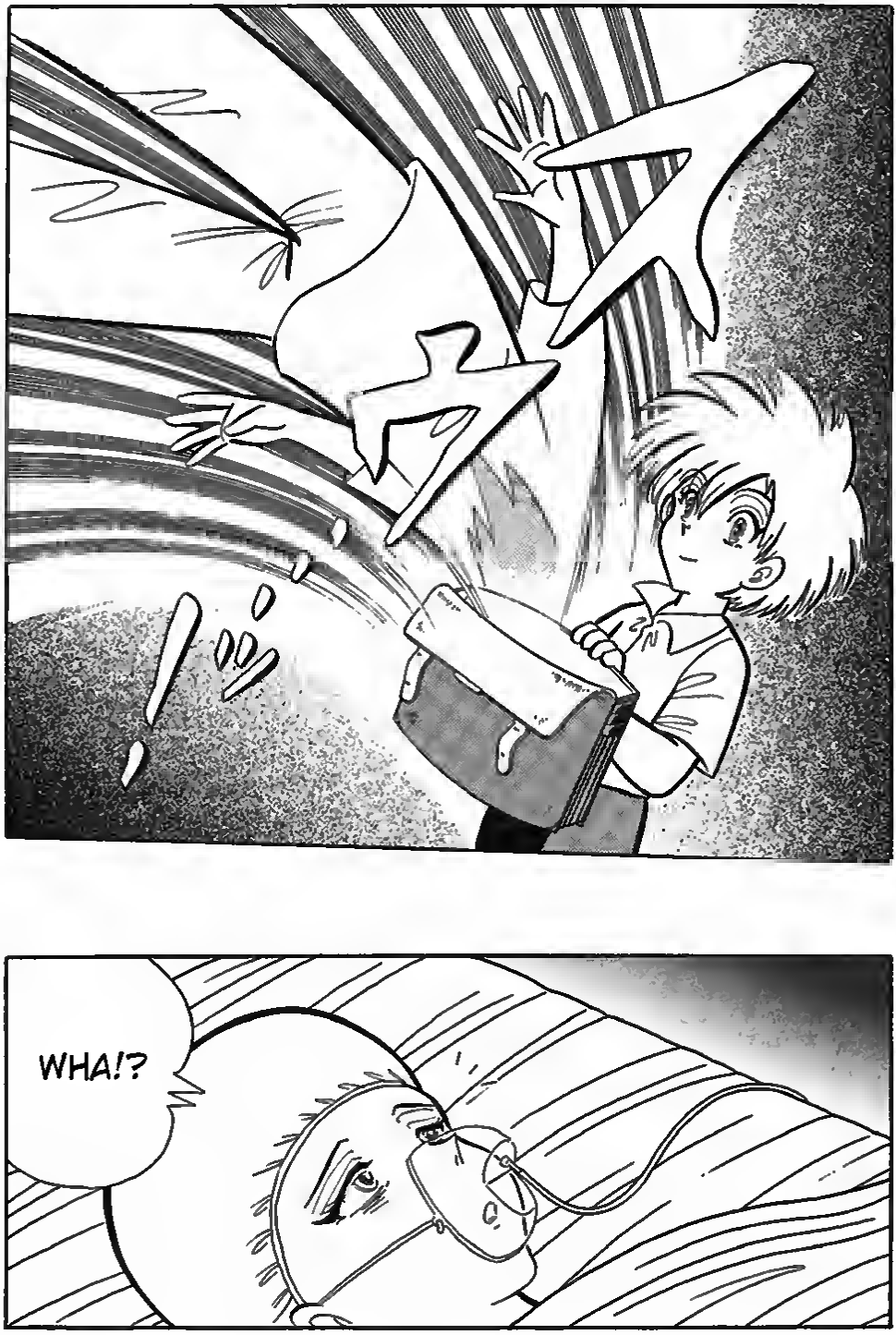
WHA!?

AH!
YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS?
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WEREN'T GOING TO COME BACK TO US.
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
YOU WERE STRUCK BY A CAR.
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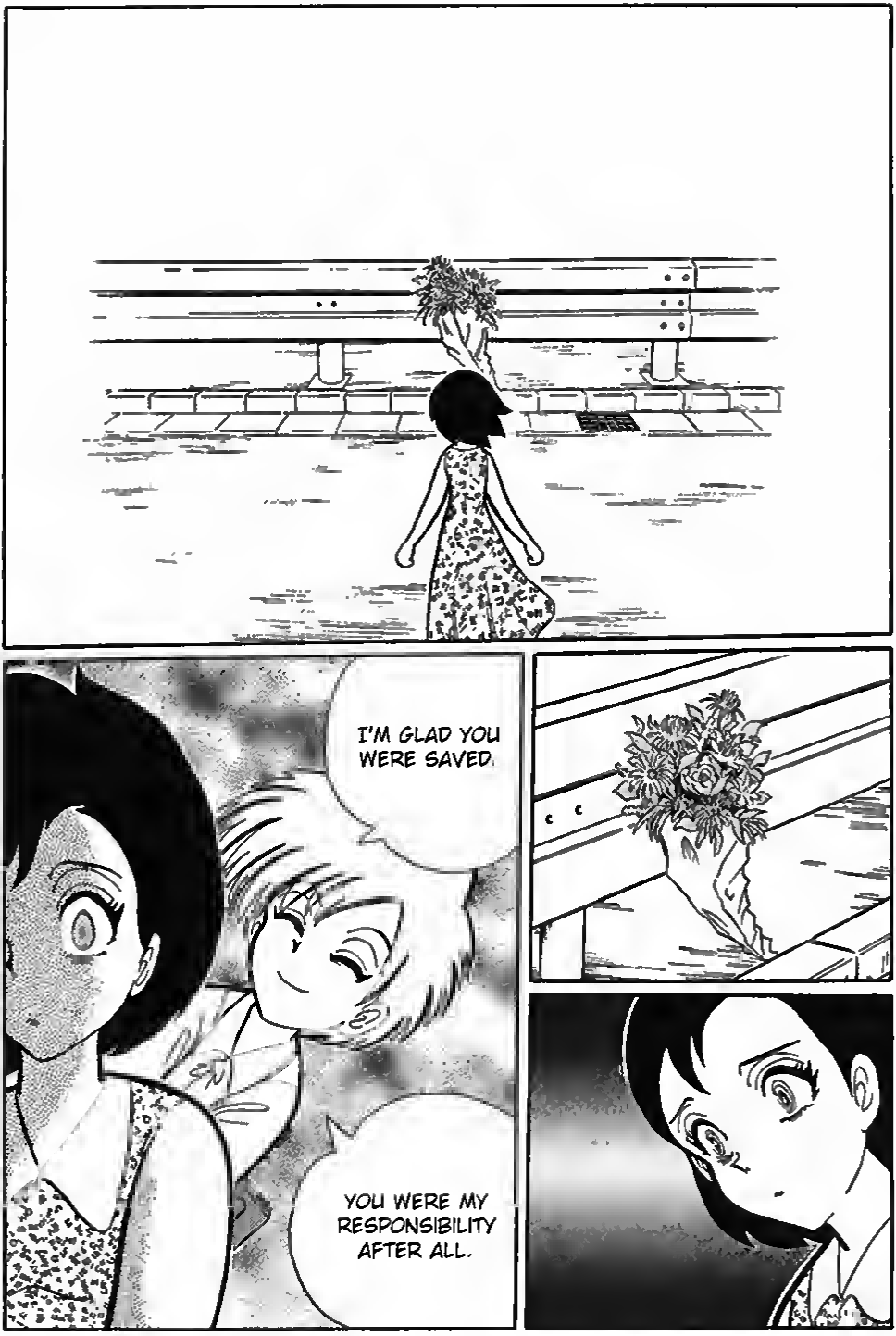
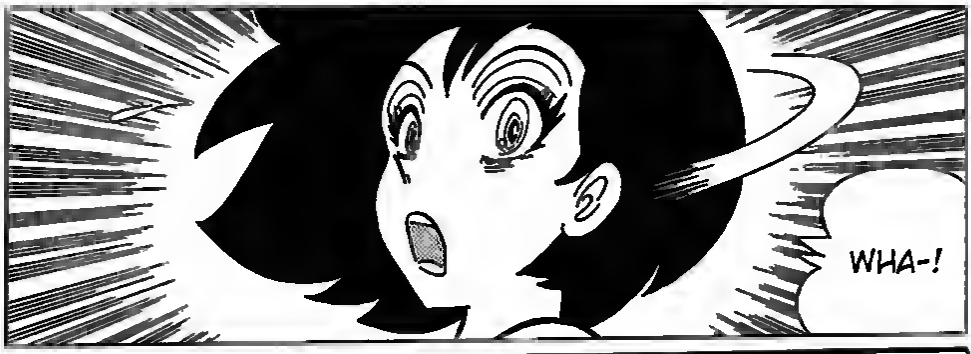
APPARENTLY A BOY RETURNING HOME FROM SCHOOL WAS HIT BY A CAR AND DIED THERE JUST A FEW DAYS AGO.
IT SEEMS *THAT* PLACE HAS QUITE A FEW TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.


I'M GLAD YOU WERE SAVED.
YOU WERE MY RESPONSIBILITY AFTER ALL.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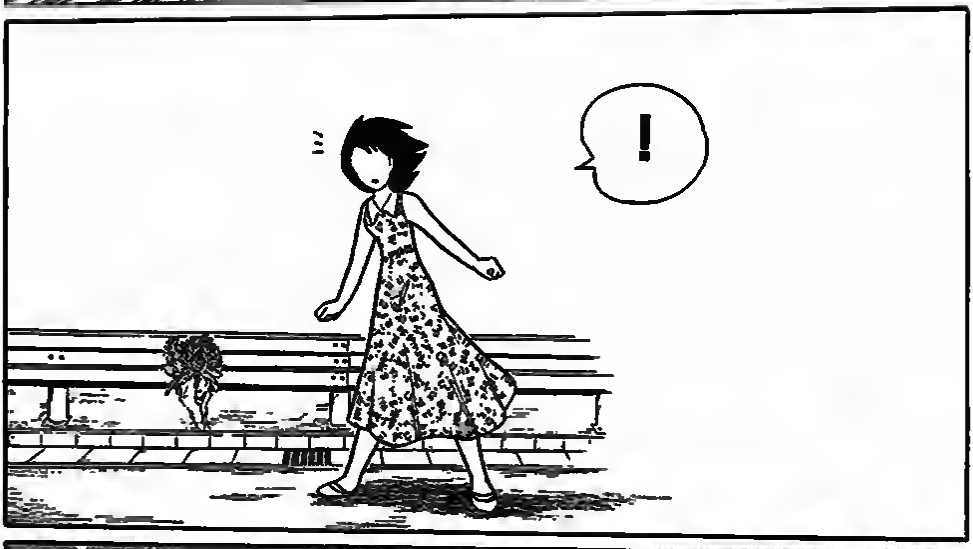
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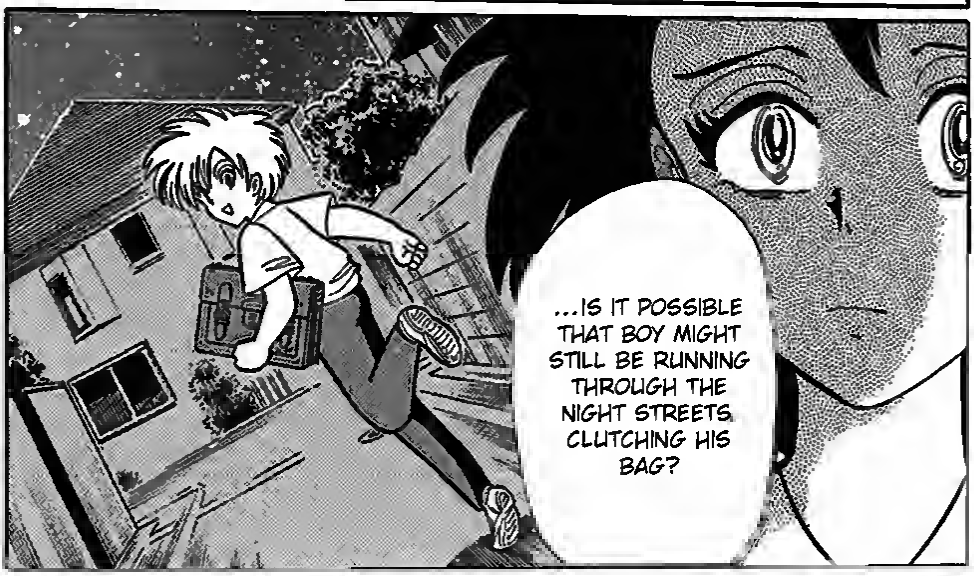
...IS IT POSSIBLE THAT BOY MIGHT STILL BE RUNNING THROUGH THE NIGHT STREETS CLUTCHING HIS BAG?

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